

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM GEORGE BUSH

I DID SEE THAT SLANDEROUS AVIATION WEEK STORY. I HAVE MADE TWO PUBLIC REFERENCES TO IT. ON TUESDAY BEFORE THE CBS RADIO AFFILIATE EXECUTIVES I SPOKE OUT, THEN YESTERDAY BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. YESTERDAY'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED ON TWO OF THE TV CHANNELS HERE.

IN ADDITION, AFTER FAILING TO GET AVIATION WEEK EDITOR HOLTZ ON THE PHONE, I TODAY FIRED OFF A LETTER PROTESTING THIS "SLANDEROUS" COVERAGE. THIS STORY WAS INDEED A DIRECT ATTACK ON YOU, BUT IT WAS ALSO A DIRECT ATTACK ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS AND AN INDIRECT ATTACK ON ME. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT MAY HELP AND I ALSO HOPE TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THIS ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" THIS WEEKEND. I SHARE YOUR OUTRAGE AND WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

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